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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
(Supplement to Report #68 - As of 12:30 P.M. EDT)

1. A Pakistani official informed the US Embassy at Karachi at 1040 A.M. EDT that Indian forces had begun shelling Pakistani positions in the Wagah sector near Lahore. He also charged that the Indians were launching tank attacks in the same area. The Pakistani warned that the Pakistani military would "meet force with force."
2. Apparent confirmation of the report of new fighting in the Wagah area comes from both Indian and Pakistani radio reports. New Delhi announced the sound of gunfire had been heard in Amritsar and air raid warnings had been sounded in Amritsar and Jullundur.
3. Whether this outbreak is more than the result of orders from a local military commander is unclear at this time. Military and civilian officials in both countries are tense under present circumstances and would tend to exaggerate the magnitude of even limited military operations by the enemy. Minor violations of the cease fire line have been reported by both sides but this would appear to be the most serious exchange of gunfire since the cease fire was proclaimed.

State Department review completed

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